



Men of L Newsletter Issue Number 1 - August 2019

Mission

The *Men of L* Newsletter provides information on our efforts in identifying descents of all soldiers assigned to Company L during WWI. We also desire to keep descendants, and the public, informed of Company L's participation during WWI, and our continuing research listing soldier's names and related information. Issues will be promulgated when sufficient news warrants. The newsletters are emailed to those who have registered to receive them, and will also be archived on the Company L website.

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1. Artifacts Page.

Men of L is fortunate in having many artifacts relating to Company L to display. Most of these are in the personal collections of *Men of L* descendants who have shared photos and comments. We thank all who provide them as they greatly add to the history and experiences of the soldiers of Company L. If you have images of artifacts you want to share please email them to the webmaster@Company-L.com and include your permission for us to use as we deem appropriate.

2. Men of L Muster Rolls and Morning Reports.

Documents from the St. Louis NARA National Archives have been added to the website Documents page. These include Muster Reports, Morning Reports, Personnel Reports, and Chaplain Reports. The Chaplain Reports include soldier marriages and baptisms that he officiated. Extracts have been added to each soldier listed in the Database. The Database is searchable, with an option for displaying all names.

3. Extracts of Journal entries from Men of L soldiers.

Extracts of journal entries written by *Men of L* soldiers have been provided by descendants and have been added to the website. They give valuable insights into the daily life of our ancestors. Reading of the soldier's journey "From Houston, Texas to Brest, France", written by Corporal Lee Reuter can give you the opportunity to join your Company L ancestor as they headed to France. It also paints a picture for those who did not deploy. We hope more journal entries are added in the future.

4. Men of L Descendant Registrations.

Descendants of Frank MARES and Gustaf PALLIN have registered. PFC Frank MARES grandson provided photos of his grandfather taken during the war, and group photos of unidentified soldiers in front of tents. These could be squad member photos. The location of these photos is unknown but possibly Camp Logan, Texas. Also included is a wedding of a soldier surrounded by what could be Company L and other units of the 132nd Infantry. The photos are located on the Media Collection page. There is also an extract of PFC Mares personal journal which lists Company L chronological locations. It is located on the Combat Operations page. If you can identify any of the soldiers please let us know. Email the *Men of L* Admin@Company-L.com

5. Men of L Membership Certificates.

Email and print versions are available. Descendant's *Men of L* Membership Certificates have been created. A PDF version has been emailed to register descendants requesting them. A printed version, on waterproof paper, is available for \$15 with free shipping. Order from the *Men of L* Certificates page <https://company-l.com/men-of-l-certificate/>

6. Company L Group and other photos Identification Status.

Some soldiers have been identified, and some have been potentially identified. As might be expected, it is very difficult to positively identifying some faces. If you can identify your ancestor, or any other soldier, please contact us. Email the *Men of L* Admin@Company-L.com

Visit the group photo page: <https://company-l.com/company-l-1918-group-photo/>

7. *Men of L* publicity campaign.

Our publicity campaign is designed to publicize our mission of finding the descendants of the *Men of L* soldiers. It also provides the public with the Company-L.com website which contains information on WWI and the sacrifices made by the *Men of L* during the battles they fought.

The *Men of L* organization has created a roster of soldiers last know addresses. The locations will help focus our efforts in finding descendants. Our plan is to contact veteran groups, media outlets, and other organizations who can help publicize our goals of educating the public on the historical impact of WWI, the sacrifices of the *Men of L*, and finding their descendants.

If you have suggestions for organizations we should contact that might know of Company L descendants please let us know. Email the *Men of L* Admin@Company-L.com

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